

Torrance, California  
January 9, 1945

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, January 9, 1945 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag!

Councilman Cucci moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held December 26, 1944 be approved as written. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Grill T. Crawford, applying for a license to operate a taxicab line in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Cucci moved that the request be granted and that the City Clerk be authorized to issue the license therefor. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Ardis B. Stagner, 3880 Newton Street, WALTERIA, requesting permission to put a fence across Bluff Street, WALTERIA, to join property which he owns on both sides of the street to be used as a pasture for his horse. He stated that Bluff Street is unimproved.

Engineer Jain recommended that the request be granted, subject to the condition that it be removed upon request of the City should the street be improved in the future.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the request be granted, subject to removal upon request by the City. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Union Oil Company of California, advising that, for the six months' period ending December 31, 1944, no pipe lines or conduits were issued and that no such pipe lines or conduits were constructed in the City of Torrance, under the terms of Ordinance No. 1501 (N.S.). Matter of record.

A communication was read from General Petroleum Corporation of California, enclosing check in the amount of \$452.38 in payment of franchise tax for year ending October 31, 1944. Matter of record.

A communication was read from M. R. Jourdane, 124 Sapphire Street, Redondo Beach, requesting that the white traffic lines on Torrance Boulevard, west of Date Street, be repainted as soon as possible.

Councilman Cucci stated that he had received a number of complaints regarding the white traffic line, mentioning that section of Arlington Avenue approaching the Pueblo district.

Engineer Jain advised that traffic painting is being done at this time, and that a few more streets are added to the list to be striped each year. He stated that the City has a contract with the County to do this work, and that a bill is ready for payment at this time, the request being in, for work completed.

Councilman Cucci moved that the request of Mr. Jourdane be complied with, and that the white traffic stripe be painted on Torrance Boulevard west of Date Street.

Engineer Jain advised that a motion is not necessary, as the contract is flexible enough to allow compliance with requests which the Council feels should be allowed.

A communication was read from Crown Body and Coach Corporation, offering a suggestion that the City install the latest type Hall-Scott mechanical driven engine governor on the busses recently purchased from Crown Body and Coach Corporation. It was advised that the governors can be purchased direct from the Hall-Scott organization in Los Angeles at a price of \$63.88, each, including labor of installing, plus sales tax.

Councilman Cucci moved that the communication be referred to Mr. C. Z. Ward, Manager of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, for recommendation. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Civil Service Board, advising that the City Engineer has recommended to the Board that a new classification be set up for the operator of the motor patrol grader, and that a higher rate of pay be established for that position.

It was the recommendation of the Civil Service Board that no change be made in the classification at this time, but that any temporary arrangement that may be agreeable to the City Council would meet with the approval of the Board.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the salary of the operator of the motor patrol grader be set at \$225.00 per month, this salary to be paid for actual time a man may operate the grader. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the Civil Service Board, calling attention to the fact that the term of Commissioner Bernhard D. Bunje will expire January 15, 1945, and requesting either his re-appointment or appointment of his successor to fill the vacancy.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Mr. Bernhard D. Bunje be reappointed as a Member of the City of Torrance Civil Service Board for a period of four years, if agreeable with Mr. Bunje. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that, in compliance with the recommendation of the City Engineer, \$28,750.15 be paid to Tomei Construction Company, being third Monthly Estimate for improvements on Torrance Boulevard. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented Form Fl21b in connection with the State Employees' Retirement Act, and explained that this is a routine

form which must be executed before any further steps can be taken toward proposed participation by the City of Torrance in the Retirement System.

Councilman Cucci moved that the City Clerk be authorized to complete Form Fl21b, with the explicit understanding that the City does not obligate itself in any manner whatsoever by so doing, but that this be done as one of the necessary steps to proceed in obtaining further details and instructions regarding the City's proposed participation in the State Retirement Act. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1701

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING  
RESOLUTION NO. 1674.

Councilman Cucci moved that Resolution No. 1701 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1702

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DETERMINING THE NATURE, LOCATION AND EXTENT OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF 203RD STREET FROM GRENSHAW BOULEVARD TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY 350 FEET EAST OF ARLINGTON AVENUE, THENCE NORTHERLY ACROSS AN EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROXIMATELY 196 FEET, ALSO THAT PORTION OF ARLINGTON AVENUE EXTENDING FROM A LINE APPROXIMATELY 150 FEET SOUTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF 203RD STREET TO A LINE APPROXIMATELY 150 FEET NORTH OF THE NORTH LINE OF 203RD STREET, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF A SANITARY SEWER THEREIN; THE GENERAL BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; THE STATUTE UNDER WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO CONDUCT THE PROCEEDINGS FOR SUCH IMPROVEMENT; ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A REPORT ON SAID PROJECT, PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2824 OF SECTION 2830, INCLUSIVE, OF DIVISION 4, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA; AND FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING ON SAID REPORT.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 1702 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full a Resolution of Condolence, extending sympathy to the family of Mr. Roy K. Palmer, deceased, Mr. Palmer having been an employee of the City of Torrance.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the Resolution of Condolence as read by City Clerk Bartlett be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full a Resolution of Condolence, extending sympathy to the family of Mr. H. B. Dunn, deceased, Mr. Dunn having served the City as a member of the Civil Service Board.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Resolution of Condolence as read by City Clerk Bartlett be adopted. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A petition for change of zone from R-3, Multiple Family, to C-1, Retail Commercial, Lots 6 to 9, inclusive, Block 11, and Lots 1 to 8, inclusive, Block 13, and Lots 1 to 3, inclusive, Block 14, Torrance Tract, was presented by Margot Grow of 1500 El Prado Street, Torrance. As required by the State Planning Act, this petition for change of zone was referred to the City Planning Commission for necessary action.

Councilman Powell moved that an appropriation of \$89.62 including tax, be made for repairing transmission on Plymouth No. 1, Police Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that, in compliance with the recommendation of Fire Chief McMaster, the salary of Engineer E. Z. Lopp be increased to \$210.00 per month, effective January 1, 1945. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that, in compliance with the recommendation of Fire Chief McMaster, the salary of Engineer E. Held be increased to \$210.00 per month, effective January 16, 1945. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell explained that the above two motions were made to equalize the salaries of Fire Department Engineers and Police Department patrolmen.

Councilman Powell moved that, in compliance with the recommendation of Fire Chief McMaster, Mr. Hugh Sherfey of Stone and Meyers Mortuary be granted permission to rent the City ambulance for a period of approximately 10 days while the Stone and Meyers ambulance is in the shop for repairs, a rental fee of \$1.00 per day to be charged. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that an expenditure of \$350.00, including tax, be made for purchase and installation of a two-way radio, to be installed in DeSoto No. 4, Police Department, as requested by Chief of Police Stroh. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that the Chief of Police be authorized to purchase a siren as requested by the Chief, price to be stipulated later. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that, in compliance with the recommendation of Fire Chief McMaster, Joseph Tedesco be employed as a callman and relief man at the Walteria Fire Station; to take the place of Jack Bergeron, reliefman, 5 days per month on Mr. Bergeron's days off, to be paid at the rate of \$7.00 per day, and to receive regular callman's pay while acting in that capacity, effective January 3, 1945. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.



Councilman Cucci moved that the Mayor be authorized to sign the agreement between the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines and the Los Angeles City High School District for transportation of Narbonne High School students, agreement to be effective as of September 5, 1944. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell, and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci moved that an appropriation of \$11,008.00, plus tax, be made for purchase of the third new bus from Crown Coach and Body Corporation, for Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, to be paid from the \$50,000.00 set aside for this purpose. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci moved that an appropriation of \$200.00 be made for purchase of a safe from Real Estate Management Company for Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$396.39 be made for traffic striping. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$150.00 be made for a Ford Motor for truck No. 9, Street Department. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the permanent transfer of Virgil Plunkett from the Bus Department to the City Garage Department as a mechanic be authorized with no change in salary now being received by Mr. Plunkett as an employee of the Bus Lines. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock stated that the corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and 190th Street is an extremely hazardous one, and asked Engineer Jain whether or not, when traffic striping is being done, he would have painted along the center line approaching the intersection a wavy, or zig-zag line. Also, he suggested that striped boards with red flashers be put up where the present red flashers are, this type of signal to extend across the pavement width, as an additional safety measure to give as much warning as possible that the corner is a dangerous one.

Engineer Jain agreed that any additional safety measures suggested for that intersection should be given favorable consideration, as, he said, the corner is admittedly highly perilous.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to take whatever steps are necessary to carry out the above suggestions made by him for two additional safety measures at the intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard and 190th Street. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Clerk be authorized to purchase Lots 62 and 63, Tract 9901, for \$150.00 each, for recreation purposes, these lots being located in the Pueblo district. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Gerald Bliss be employed as a park maintenance man, Park Department, on a temporary basis, at a salary of \$170.00 per month, effective January 8, 1945, to replace Elvin Sorenson. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert read a request from Fred Blake, Park Superintendent, in which Mr. Blake recommended that a rate of \$190.00 per month be established as the salary to be paid to Park Department men for tree pruning and topping where it is necessary for men to work in the trees. He advised that, due to the hazardous nature of the job, it has been extremely difficult to obtain competent men to perform the work. His recommendation specifically stated that this salary would be paid to the men only for the actual time while they worked in the trees.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Mr. Blake's recommendation, as above stated, be complied with, and that the salary requested be established for men while working in trees. Councilman Powell seconded the motion.

At this point, a lengthy and involved discussion ensued, members of the City Council, Mr. Slonecker and Mr. Babbitt of the Civil Service Board, and Fred Blake and Mr. Jain participating.

The question under discussion was whether or not a new classification should be set up and certain men classified for that particular job, or whether men who work in the trees should be compensated for undertaking the more hazardous work by the simple expedient of paying them, when so engaged, more money than their regularly established salary, with no change in their Civil Service Classification.

After much debate, Councilman Gilbert offered another motion, moving that Fred Blake be instructed to direct a communication to the Civil Service Board submitting his request, and get the Civil Service Board's recommendation as to whether or not a new classification should be set up, or whether the higher rate of pay should be established for men while working in trees, with no change in their Civil Service status. After continued debate, the motion was seconded by Councilman Powell.

As it appeared the debate would be continued, and become more involved, Councilmen Gilbert and Powell withdrew their motions and seconds respectively.

A few more minutes discussion followed, after which Councilman Gilbert moved that those men who spend time pruning and trimming trees while actually up in the trees be paid at the rate of \$190.00 per month for the time spent in that particular work. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert advised that the resolution to dispense with promotional examinations for the duration of the war, with certain conditions incorporated, will be ready for the next meeting.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$64.06 be made for 200 bulletins for the Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$193.57 be made for 2000 reprints of advertising and 3000 map folders, all for the Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$750.00 be made to pay 50% of the salary of a Clerk at the War Price and Ration Board, Torrance. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson explained that Mr. Daniels, head of the War Price and Ration Board, who had recently resigned from that position, had returned with the understanding that, between the City and the Business men of the City, enough funds would be forthcoming to pay the salary of an additional much needed clerk.

Mayor Tolson moved that the bid for 3000 feet 6" Class 150 Cast Iron Pipe, for Municipal Water District No. 1, be awarded to National Cast Iron Pipe Company, total amount, \$2955.63, and that all other bids be rejected. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that the fire insurance, policies expiring January 31, 1945, on the City Hall, City Jail, Auditorium and Public Library be renewed for a five year period, premium total for all buildings named, \$961.60. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that the City Clerk be instructed to write a letter to Mr. A. M. Rawn, Chief Engineer, County Sanitation District, advising him of the intention of the City of Torrance to construct a sewer line on 203rd Street, and requesting the cooperation of the County Sanitation District. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Upon Mayor Tolson's inquiry as to the latest information received regarding the rodent control matter, Clerk Bartlett advised that he had received the resolution proposed by the County and that it is ready for study.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. J. A. Evans, Owner of Evans Gift & Stationery, 1322 Sartori Avenue, Torrance, protested the establishment of commercial warehouses in the Retail Commercial, C-1, Zone, stating that many store buildings have been closed to retail business by an interest which has rented or purchased buildings, placed therein a few pieces of furniture, and locked the doors of the buildings. He said that he had been recently served with notice to vacate his store building, and that, due to the practice above-mentioned, it has been impossible for him to locate other facilities. He said that he would regret the necessity of moving, having been in business at the Sartori Street address for the past eight years, adding that it is regrettable for a business man to be forced out of the City by an ordinance.

Mayor Tolson said he thought a legal opinion should be rendered as to how the buildings mentioned by Mr. Evans as Commercial warehouses should be classified. He said he thought they may be classed as store, or stock rooms and not commercial warehouses.

After continued discussion, Councilman Cucci moved that the Fire Chief and Police Chief be authorized to investigate the matter and report to the City Council as soon as possible, and that the City Attorney be instructed to render a legal opinion. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion.

Councilman Powell suggested that the individual, or individuals who are responsible for the conditions mentioned be compelled to pay the City business license fee, but it was pointed out that, if they have any ulterior motives in what they are doing, and have gone to the lengths of renting and/or purchasing buildings, the payment of the low city license tax would be a negligible matter to them.

Attorney McCall suggested that, before he is asked to render a legal opinion, the report from the Fire and Police Departments be obtained, as his opinion would no doubt be based to some extent on the findings of those two departments. Councilman Powell objected.

A vote was taken on the above motion, which motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Tolson, addressing Attorney McCall, stated that the Council desires an opinion from the City Attorney as to whether or not the buildings being used in the manner above described are classified as commercial warehouses, or as storerooms, and if there is anything which can be done to open up some of the store buildings for rent to businessmen who need the stores to carry on their regular retail businesses. Mayor Tolson suggested that Mr. H. B. Lewis, Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, appeal to the Retail Merchants Association to give as much assistance in this matter as possible.

Mr. Lewis stated that the operators of the stores in question are hoping to continue their operations by calling the stores "retail outlets."

Mr. Joel Hagberg, of Waleria, requested use of the two city owned lots west of the Civic Auditorium, and the rest room facilities of the auditorium, February 10, 1945, for a Boy Scout Field Day function, the Boy Scouts being sponsored by Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 of the American Legion.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Ardis Stagner asked what action had been taken relative to the petition filed recently requesting the City Council to authorize a survey of the Quandt Water Company in Waleria.

Mayor Tolson advised that it had been referred to the City Council for study. He said that, in his opinion, he thought the Water Company should make the first move if it is intended to offer the Company for sale to the City. He said he doubted the legality of the City making a survey of a private company, unless the City were vitally interested in purchasing same.

Mr. Stagner said the residents of Waleria are sure of one thing, which is that they want a water company. Mr. Powell asked whether they want a water company, or the Quandt Water Company, to which Mr. Stagner replied that they want a water company. Mr. Powell said he would favor floating bonds and putting in an entirely new water system, but that he would never consider buying the Quandt Water Company, as he felt the entire company, and especially the water lines, are practically worthless.

A lengthy discussion followed, Mr. Thatcher of Waleria offering various figures in connection with the value of the Quandt Water Company, and ending with the statement that Mr. Quandt has set a price of \$42,000.00 for the Water Company, but that the reason the survey is desired is to determine the actual worth of the company. He said it may be worth more or less than that figure.

None of the Councilmen who entered into the discussion favored authorizing the survey, being of practically the same opinion as the opinion voiced by Mayor Tolson.

Attorney McCall said that, in his opinion, it would not be legal for the City to make a survey of a private water company unless the City had every intention of buying the company.

Mayor Tolson suggested that, as a means of getting the reaction of the residents of Waleria to this problem, the City Council meet with the Waleria Community organization for thorough discussion of the matter with the residents. Mr. Stagner volunteered to notify the Mayor and Council of the next meeting date.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

